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Marietta Power & Water 100TH Anniversary



September 2006



JOIN THE NATIONAL PUBLIC POWER WEEK CELEBRATION OCTOBER 2-8

Marietta Power and Water invites you to join us in celebrating National Public Power Week October 2-8.

Everyone at Marietta Power and Water looks forward to this week every year. This year, it means even more as Marietta Power and

Water continues to celebrate its 100th anniversary of serving our community.

For that reason, Marietta Power and Water plans to celebrate National Public Power Week 2006 in several different ways. These include:

✓ **Commemorative Ceremonies** Local dignitaries will officially name a street for longtime BLW Chairman Harry Livingston, Jr. at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3. City and Marietta Power and Water officials will

then bury a time capsule, which will be reopened when Marietta Power and Water celebrates its 150th anniversary.

✓ **Customer Appreciation Day** To thank customers for their business, Marietta Power and Water staff members will serve up hot dogs and give away prizes from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of Marietta Power and Water's Administration Building at 675 North Marietta Parkway, on Friday, October 6.

✓ **New Web Site Launch** Marietta Power and Water will launch its new, more interactive, more information-packed Web site as part of National Public Power Week festivities.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our Public Power Week 2006 events.

To find out more about the advantages you enjoy as a customer of community-owned electric utilities, please visit www.marietta-power.com. ✓

“Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat” Serves as the Theme for National Fire Prevention Week October 8-14

The Marietta Fire Department, Marietta Power and Water, and the National Fire Prevention Association encourages you to “Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat” during National Fire Prevention Week October 8-14.

Studies show that cooking fires rank as the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Fires caused by cooking mishaps kill hundreds of Americans and injure approximately 4,000 more each year. Experts also estimate that cooking-related fires cause more than half a billion dollars in damage each year by destroying homes and personal possessions.

To protect your home and family from death, injury, or damage caused by a cooking related fire, experts recommend that you:

Clean and Clear Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags,

food packaging, towels, curtains, and anything else that might catch on fire away from your stovetop. You should also make it a practice to clean food and grease from burners and the stovetop before you begin cooking.

Dress for the Occasion Avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking. Loose clothing can catch on fire if it comes into contact with a gas flame or electric burner.

Stand by Your Pan Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, broiling or boiling food. Turn off the stove if you have to leave the kitchen, even for a short period of time. Check on food frequently when simmering, baking or roasting. Use a timer to



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Terrific Technology Can Trim Your Water Bill

Tired of paying high water bills? You can find a variety of tools to help you cut those costs on your next visit to a hardware store or home improvement warehouse.

The most popular items for reducing water usage include:

Faucet Aerators. Faucet aerators break flowing water into fine droplets and allow air into the flow while maintaining wetting effectiveness. Installing these inexpensive devices in sinks can reduce the amount of water a faucet uses by as much as 60 percent.

Efficient Faucets. Some new faucet models use only two gallons of water per minute, while standard faucets typically use 3 to 5 gallons per minute.

Low-Flush Toilets. Low-flush toilets use 1.6 gallons of water or less, while conventional toilets use 3.5 to 5 gallons or more of water per flush. Because they use less water, low-flush toilets also reduce the amount of wastewater that local treatment plants have to process.

Toilet Water Displacement Devices. You can make one yourself by filing a plastic container such as a milk jug with water or pebbles, and then placing it in your toilet tank to reduce the amount of water you use by as much as a gallon each time your flush. Just make sure your homemade displacement device doesn't interfere with your toilet's flushing mechanism.

Toilet Dams. A toilet dam holds back a reservoir of water when you flush, which can save one to two gallons of water each time

Low-Flow Showerheads. Replacing a standard 4.5-gallon-per-minute showerhead with a 2.5-gallon-per-minute head can save a family of four approximately 20,000 gallons of water each year. Low-flow showerheads cost as little as \$5 each, and well-designed models can deliver the same quality of service as higher-volume models.

For more information on reducing your water bill, please visit

www.mariettaga.gov/Water/index.htm. ⚡

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remind you that the stove or oven is on.

Maintain a “Child-Free Zone” Keep children at least three feet away from the stove at all times. Never hold a small child while cooking. Use your stove's back burners whenever children are present, and turn pot handles inward

or toward the back of the stove to reduce the risk that youngsters might pull pots with hot contents over on themselves.

To learn more about protecting yourself from fires, please visit www.nfpa.org. ⚡

Calendar of Events

For a complete list of City of Marietta events please visit www.mariettaga.gov and click on Calendar of Events.

October 4

Senior Adult Fishing Rodeo, Catfish Roundup

Laurel Park, Marietta

Novices and experts will both have great time bank fishing and then enjoy the picnic lunch at the large pavilion. Call (770) 794-5601 or visit

www.mariettaga.gov for information.

October 9 through November 4

Cinderella Confidential

Theatre in the Square, Marietta.

Monday through Friday 11 a.m.;

Saturday 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Ages 5 to 11. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$7

children. The Prince has the shoe.

He's ready to wed. But who's the

woman behind the foot? Call

(770) 422-8369 or visit www.theatreinthesquare.com.

October 28

Halloween Happenings

Marietta Square. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Free. Homemade costume contest at

11 a.m. Call (770) 764-5601 or visit

www.mariettaga.gov for information.

October 28 and 29

Harvest Square Arts & Crafts Festival

Marietta Square.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free. Annual festival features artists

and craftspeople from the southeast,

children's activities, food court and

entertainment. Call (770) 794-5601

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information.

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